

William Whyte Community School

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To be the best they can be

The students, staff, and communities of Winnipeg School Division are committed to truth and reconciliation through building relationships with Mother Earth, the original peoples of this land, and the stories that bring us together. We acknowledge the place in which we gather is on Treaty 1 territory, the homeland of the Red River Métis, and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak, and Dakota Oyate peoples.

FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Message from Administration

Manitoba Merv has predicted 6 more weeks of winter!! This is hard to believe with the current mild spring-like weather we have been experiencing. With the current temperatures and consistent melting our school yard and playground have been a mixture of lots of puddles with ice hiding under all the water. This has made for some chilly wet children coming in from recess. If possible, please send a change of clothes to school with your child, this will help keep students comfortable throughout the day.

February is I LOVE TO READ month. We have some great reading initiatives happening, whole class reading goals with book draws and prizes all month long. As well, we will have various guest readers in classrooms sharing their love of reading.

Our school is entering into some amazing new partnerships in the second half of the year! The True North Youth Foundation, Project 11, and the WPS will be teaming up with our grade three and four students for an amazing day of skating and hockey at Camp Manitou in early March. Additionally, we have submitted a proposal to have students from William Whyte and R.B. Russell team up to design and fabricate replacements for some of the exterior cages that will feature Indigenous Teachings and Art. Our grade seven and eight students have been participating in hands on science experiments at the Inner City Science Centre at Niji Mahkwa, and they report amazing experiences.

William Whyte is a Community School; we have a responsibility to partner with other organizations to make this the most exciting and engaging place of learning for our students, and the most welcoming place possible for our parents and community. We have more steps to take, but we are well on our way!

Plans for next school year have begun and we will be accepting new registrations for our Nursery/Kindergarten program.

As always if you would like to share questions, celebrations, or concerns you are always welcome to pop into the office, or give us a call at the school.



Dan Keith
Principal

Lindsey Trudeau
Vice-Principal



Safe Arrival is the system the school uses to verify student attendance. It's easy to report your child's absence.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these three convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>).
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> . The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account > Select Attendance > then Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number **1-855-278-4513** to report an absence the automated phone system

DRESSING UP FOR COLD WEATHER

Thick sweater
With a hood to keep your head warm

TIP: Adding layers will help keep you warm as the temperature drops

Winter Accessories
HAT
For your head and ears
SCARF
For your neck and face
GLOVES
Insulated – water-proof would be ideal

TIP: During extreme cold, keep all skin covered and spend as little time as possible outside

Winter boots
Water-proof footwear will keep your feet dry, with good grip for when walking on snowy or icy paths

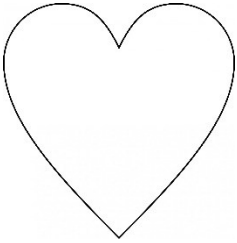
Light jacket
Wind-resistant would be ideal

TIP: For extra warmth, wear extra undergarments (like tights and thicker socks)

Winter jacket
Thick outerwear to keep out wind and wet snow – longer length would be ideal

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FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 / Day 1 Gr. 7/8 CanU 3 - 8:15 PM Football Club 3:30 - 6:15 PM	2 / Day 2 NO CLASSES	3
4	5 / Day 3	6 / Day 4 Nutrition Bingo AM Hockey Heroes 3:30 - 6 PM Gr. 5/6 CanU 3 - 8:05 PM	7 / Day 5 Diamond Art PM Inner City District Draft Budget Meeting 7 - 8 PM	8 / Day 6 Gr. 7/8 CanU 3 - 8:15 PM Football Club 3:30 - 6:15 PM	9 / Day 1 Beading PM	10
11	12 / Day 2 Rock Painting AM	13 / Day 3 Hockey Heroes 3:30 - 6 PM Gr. 5/6 CanU 3 - 8:05 PM	14 / Day 4 VALENTINE'S DAY Diamond Art PM	15 / Day 5 Adult Craft: Paper Mache PM Gr. 7/8 CanU 3 - 8:15 PM Football club 3:30 - 6:15	16 / Day 6 Beading PM	17
18	19 Louis Riel Day SCHOOL CLOSED	20 / Day 1 Hockey Heroes 3:30 - 6 PM	21 / Day 2 Diamond Art PM Parent Advisory Group Meeting 4:00PM	22 / Day 3 Adult Paint Day AM Football club 3:30 - 6:15	23 / Day 4 Beading PM	24
25	26 / Day 5 NO CLASSES	27 / Day 6 Parent/Child Craft AM Hockey Heroes 3 - 6 PM	28 / Day 1 Diamond Art PM	29 / Day 2 Football Club 3:30 - 6:15 PM	BOLD = PARENT FOCUS	

Upcoming Dates

- March 14th: Report Cards go home
- March 15th: No Class/Non-instructional day
- March 18 - 22nd: Spirit Week
- March 25-29th: Spring Break

Community Connections

In the front entrance of the school you will see the Family Room News board. We are excited to be offering a number of amazing programs that are advertised in this space.

You will notice the Monthly Calendar is filling up. You are always welcome to attend any of our parent events, there is no charge. If you have questions please call Julie or Bonnie at the school, 204-589-4313.